



Council on Developmental Disabilities



Office of Protection and Advocacy
For Persons with Disabilities



A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence
in Developmental Disabilities

Connecticut Partners in Policymaking 2013

A Self-Advocacy Training Program

*“Building partnerships to make a difference
in the lives of people with disabilities”*

**Partners in Policymaking
Training Schedule and Application
APPLY TODAY!**

Space is limited.

Deadline for Applications is Friday, January 4, 2013

A Project of:

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

In Partnership With:

The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

The A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

What is Partners in Policymaking?

The goal of Partners in Policymaking is to foster a collaboration among people with disabilities, parents who have children with disabilities, and policy makers at national, state and local levels. Partners in Policymaking training teaches people to be community leaders.

Graduates of past Partners in Policymaking training in Connecticut have become involved in key policy and advocacy roles in the state. The graduates of Connecticut Partners in Policymaking often become members of boards, councils, task forces and advisory committees. Some move into paid positions addressing policy and program issues for people with disabilities and their families. They are recognized as skilled and capable leaders in disability issues in their communities and in the state.

Who Should Apply for Partners?

- Parents of children with disabilities
- Individuals with disabilities

Participants should be able to actively participate in training and discussion and complete an independent advocacy project. Thirty (30) participants will be selected to attend this training program. One half of the participants will be parents of children with disabilities and one half will be individuals with disabilities.

All applicants should be willing and able to make a commitment to attending all seven sessions.

Participants will be required to sign a contract agreeing to attend all seven sessions and complete their selected project. Participation in all sessions is required in order to graduate from the program.

What are the Dates and Locations of Partners in Policymaking Training?

- The Connecticut Partners in Policymaking training consists of seven weekend training sessions with nationally recognized speakers and state experts in disability issues. All training is provided at no cost to participants, including the cost of overnight accommodations and all meals.
- Sessions are held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 275 Research Parkway in Meriden. Training begins at Noon on Friday and runs until 4 PM on Saturday.
- The seven training sessions will be held on the following dates in 2013:
February 15-16 April 26-27 June 14-15 September 13-14
March 15-16 May 17-18 August 9-10

*PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.
PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS—NO EXCEPTIONS.*

- The project will provide lunch and dinner on Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
- All hotel costs including overnight accommodations and meals will be paid by Connecticut Partners in Policymaking.
- The project will pay for transportation, personal assistance services and child care costs to a limited number of participants who need and request this assistance.

How Do I Apply?

Complete the enclosed application form or contact:

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Training Requirements:

- Attend all sessions
 - Complete all homework assignments for each session
 - Complete an advocacy project prior to graduation
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You Will Learn To:

- Increase your skills in leadership and advocacy.
 - Meet and dialogue with leading experts in the field of developmental disabilities.
 - Develop grassroots efforts to affect public officials and public policy.
 - Understand resources and services, and access needed supports.
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Topics Will Include:

- History of the Disability Movement
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Independent Living
 - Inclusive Education
 - Employment and Housing
 - Building Inclusive Communities
 - Natural Supports
 - Assistive Technology
 - Effective Advocacy Skills
 - Legislative Process and Skills for Public Testimony and Policy Advocacy
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